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SUBJECT: TAIYO FISHERY CO. - SOVRYBFLOT AGREEMENT

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PASS COMMERCE FOR NOAA/NMFS

1. MR. TOJIRO NAKABE, VICE PRESIDENT, TAIYO FISHERY COMPANY, CONFIRMED 5-YEAR AGREEMENT REPORTED REFTEL SIGNED DECEMBER 28, 1974. AGREEMENT SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT FEBRUARY 10, 1975. ACCORDING NAKABE AGREEMENT DEVELOPED OUT OF USSR DESIRE TO ARRANGE BARTER DEAL FOR OBTAINING FISHERY EQUIPMENT FROM JAPAN IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET MARINE PRODUCTS CAUGHT IN EXCESS OF NEEDS FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION. THIRD COUNTRY MARKETING ARRANGEMENT REFLECTS TAIYO VIEW THAT MOST FISHERY PRODUCTS INVOLVEDH IN AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE MARKETABLE IN JAPAN.

2. ONLY PRESS REPORT TO DATE, WHICH APPEARED IN JANUARY 14 JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL (IN ENGLISH), POUCHED NOAA JANUARY 27. ALTHOUGH TAIYO DECLINED TO RELEASE TEXT, PRESS REPORT STATES THAT UNDER AGREEMENT TAIYO WILL TRANSPORT SOVIET FISHERY PRODUCTS IN PTS FREEZER SHIPS; MARKET THEM THROUGH ITS DISTRIBUTION POINTS, PRIMARILY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND PROVIDE EQUIPMENT TO SOVRYBFLOT AND THAT THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO EXCHANGE TECHNOLOGY
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AND PROVIDE MUTUAL USE OF FISHERY FACILITIES. ACCORDING NEWS

ITEM FISH DISTRIBUTION WILL BE TIED IN WITH SOVIET FOOD AID TO LDC'S AND WILL CONSIST MAINLY OF FISH CAUGHT OFF SOUTH AMERICAN AND WEST AFRICAN COASTS. SPECIES MENTIONED WERE SARDINE, MACKEREL, MERLUCCIOUS, AND ALSO ALSKAN POLLACK.

3. NEWS REPORT SPECULATES THAT AGREEMENT MAY BE CONTROVERSIAL IN FISH CONSERVATION CIRCLES AND ALSO BE AFFECTED BY DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE ISSUE.
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